

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 2 as follows.

For a thorough understanding of the subject invention, reference is made to the following Detailed Description, including the appended Claims, in connection with the above-described Drawings. Referring now to Figure 1FIG. 1A, 1B and 1C, the docking station depicted therein is seen to constitute a support structure for a wireless communications device (WCD) (not shown). The WCD may be a cellular telephone, a PCS telephone, a pager, or the like. The support structure, in a preferred embodiment, assumes the form of housing 20 that is characterized by a rectangular cross-section. The housing may have approximate dimensions 10" (H).times.15" (W).times.1" (D). Housing 20 has a substantially planar front surface 21 on which is mounted a flat-panel display device 22. Numerous manufacturers supply display devices of wide-ranging characteristics that are suitable for use in the subject invention. What is primarily significant here is that display device 22 provide performance characteristics, including size and resolution, that are markedly superior to the LCD displays typically incorporated with currently available WCDs. Housing 20 also exhibits a cradle-22 24 for a WCD. Cradle-22 24 is shown in Figure 1FIG. 1A as recessed with into front surface 21 of housing 20. The precise geometry of the cradle is not deemed critical, and the salient requirement of the cradle contour is to facilitate convenient placement and reliable retention of the WCD. In general, it may be assumed that the cradle is configured to be complementary to the form of the WCD. Also exhibited in cradle-22 24 is an electrical connector 23. The primary purpose of connector 23 is to effect an electrical interface between the docking station and the WCD. In this regard, connector 23 contains a number of electrical contacts necessary to realize the necessary conductive connections, as specified below, between the docking station and the WCD. Therefore connector 23 will afford the number of contacts 230, et seq. that have the physical dimensions necessary for compatibility with a mating connector provided by the WCD.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 6 as follows.

Alternatively, housing 20 may be maintained in a more or less upright position through a leg assembly 40-41 that is rotably rotatably attached in the sides of housing 20. Figure 1C depicts the alternative leg assembly. As depicted in Figure 1C, leg assembly 41 may be inserted into opposite sides of housing 20 at receptacles 25, one of which is viewable in Figure 1C.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 28 as follows:

The docking station includes an internal rechargeable battery 40 that is coupled to a contact 232 on connector 60. In the absence of the WCD, battery 40 is coupled to charging circuit 50 through switch 60. Charging circuit 50 is coupled to docking station connector 80 and from connector 80 through line cord 81 and plug 82 to an AC outlet. Switch 60 has pole terminal 61 coupled to the output 51-52 of charging circuit 50. The normally closed (NC) terminal 62 of switch 60 is coupled to contact 232. In a manner such as described below, switch 60 is normally closed when no WCD is docked at the station. In this orientation, switch 60 couples charging circuit 50 to internal battery 40 in order to recharge, or maintain the charge on, battery 40. However, when a WCD is docked, docking detector 90 causes switch 50 to be oriented in the normally open (NO) position, in which pole 61 is connected to NO terminal 63. Terminal 63 is in turn connected to contact 233 on connector 23. Contact 233 is coupled through a corresponding contact on the WCD connector to a rechargeable battery in the WCD. In this manner, when a WCD is docked at the docking station, charging circuit 50 operates to recharge the WCD internal battery. In this mode, docking station battery 40 is coupled through contact 232 to a mating contact on the WCD connector. That contact is electrically connected to a B+ bus in the WCD, so that power is provided to the WCD by the docking station.